

THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

January 29, 2008

A special meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on January 29, 2008 at 4:00pm at the Main Office Boardroom with the following members present: Ms. Driehaus and Messrs. Fultz, Smith and Moeddel, with Ms. Driehaus presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Barnes, Simmons, and Shannon, and Messrs. Merrifield, Bigham, Koopman, Thomas, Carlisle, and Williams.

MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008 Public Recreation Commission meeting as submitted.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission reviewed a draft of the amendment of the Billy Casper Golf Agreement to include the tennis and Land of Make Believe operations at the Airport Playfield. Due to retirements, logistics, and available expertise, the staff recommends this amendment. The goal is to provide a seamless transition of the tennis operation. At the end of 2008 the program will be reviewed.

There was concern expressed about existing CRC staff presently working at the Airport Playfield. Mr. Bigham advised that we have 6 part-time employees there. Mr. Pacella stated that Billy Casper Golf intends to discuss with each staff person opportunities to continued employment.

There was also concern that if the tennis operation at the Airport Playfield was included in the Casper Golf contract this might expand to our other tennis courts. Mr. Pacella advised that their interest is with the Airport Playfield because of the unique situation there. Dr. Merrifield stated that the Airport Playfield is a special park. Everything there is revenue generating.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the amendment of the Billy Casper Golf Contract to include the tennis and Land of Make Believe Operations at the Airport Playfield.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Gating of Sawyer Point Park - Presentation

Mr. Bigham explained that this presentation is to provide information and get feedback from the Commission regarding this agenda item.

Gating of Sawyer Point Park would be for the specific event only. Nothing permanent would be installed. Ms. Shannon advised that we do not have anything to say that we can not have gated events at the park. We need to decide if it would be beneficial to do this for certain events. These events bring culture and art to our City.

Mr. Moeddel asked if there have been any negative issues about having gated events. Ms. Shannon replied that there have been a few. Ms. Driehaus stated that the public still has access to the river during a gated event.

Mr. Bigham discussed the need to have a standard procedure in writing regarding gating of events. Anything outside of the standard event would come before Commission for approval.

The possibility of limiting the number of gated events to be held at the park was discussed. Once a customer has had a gated event their request should not have to come before the Commission again.

Mr. Bigham advised that staff will prepare a draft document pertaining to gated events at Sawyer Point Park for the next Commission meeting.

Establishing Commission Meeting Dates Twice a Month

Mr. Bigham advised that per Section Two of Article Fourteen of the Recreation Commission Charter, "The public recreation commission shall organize each year by electing a president and vice president. The commission shall hold regular meetings at least once in every two weeks, and shall establish rules and regulations for its government and for the performance of its duties."

Rev. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to establish Commission meeting dates on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm.

Motion passed.

Property Adjacent to McMicken & Klotter Play Area

An adjoining property owner is interested in acquiring a parcel of property adjoining the McMicken and Klotter play area. Mr. Koopman advised Commission that CRC doesn't use or maintain this property.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, that the property adjacent to the McMicken and Klotter play area be sold to the interested party.

Motion passed.

Skate Board Park Resolution

Mr. Koopman showed a short power point presentation on the different types of skate board parks available.

Staff is requesting approval of a Resolution of Authorization to apply for and accept financial assistance through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program and/or the State of Ohio Nature Works Program. This funding would cover approximately 75% of the cost of installing a skate board park in the community of Sedamsville.

Mr. Fultz questioned the liability responsibility of operating a skate board park. Mr. Koopman advised that the Recreation Department is covered by sovereign immunity. Mr. Moeddel questioned why we were interested in creating the skate board park. Mr. Thomas advised that the Sedamsville community wants a skate board park in their community.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the Resolution of Authorization to apply for and accept financial assistance through the Ohio Nature Works Program.

Motion carried.

Field Trips

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted.

Motion passed.

COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 4:00pm at the Glenview Golf Course, 10965 Springfield Pike (46).

Meeting Adjourned.

Denise M. Driehaus, President

Norman C. Merrifield, Ed. D., Director

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